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BUNGAY

GENTLEMEN,

I present the report for the year ending 31st December, 1949.

STATISTICS.

Area.	2393 acres
Population	3521
Inhabited houses	1001
Rateable value	£17105
Product of 1d. rate	£ 69

BIRTHS.

	M	F	Total
legitimate	28	19	67
illegitimate	3	-	3
			70

Birth rate per 1000 19.8 (for England, 16.7)

Still-births, nill

DEATHS.	28	24	52
under 1 year.	2		2

Corrected death rate, 12.4 (for England 11.7)
Infant mortality per 1000 live births 29.8 (for England 32)

CAUSES OF DEATHS.

	M	F		M	F
Influenza		1	Pneumonia		1
Cancer	5	3	other respiratory disease	1	1
Apoplexy	1	6	Ulcer of stomach	2	--
Heart disease	10	6	other digestive disease	1	--
Other circulatory disease	2	5	Congenital causes	1	-
			Violence	1	-
Bronchitis	3	-	All other causes	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia	12	Erysipelas	1
Whooping cough	17	Puerperal pyrexia	1
Scarlet fever	5	Measles	2

Total 38, infectious disease incidence, 10.8

TUBERCULOSIS.

No new cases were notified, two, both pulmonary, removed from the district. One case was taken off as cured. 19 remained on the register on the 31st December.

MILK. All samples taken for tuberculosis were negative and no cases of Brucella infection were notified.

HOUSING. Five houses were inspected specially by me with the Sanitary Inspector. Tow of these were definately in Class 5 and the other three had many defects some of which were capable of remedy; they still remain in a low category. Housing is still the most important lack and contributes more than any other factor to the minor ill health of the community. In addition to this, bad tenants tend to gravitate to bad houses and the effects on the children are most noticeable and consistent at the school inspections.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. Number immunised:- Under five, 198; five to fourteen, 99. "Booster" doses given in the year, 19. 68.4% of all children immunised. The numbers immunised as infants continues to be fairly satisfactory but there is a marked falling off in the number of booster doses given at school. At this time the original immunity will have declined and the child is at risk owing to mixing with others for the first time. Propaganda in its favour would be appreciated.

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SEWERAGE. A Ministry of Health enquiry into the existing works was held in February. A scheme was proposed but no steps have yet been taken to implement this.

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Annual Report to Medical Officer of Health in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2/1950.

WATER SUPPLY. Water Analysis of samples taken from the Headworks at Outney Common, and from various properties in the town have given highly satisfactory results. Samples were tested, Bacteriologically every three months, and Chemically six months.

Treatment. Chlorination by injection of liquid Chlorine into the well at the rate of .03 lbs. to 10,000 gallons.

There has been no shortage of supply at the source. 90% of properties receive water supply piped direct into houses. 80% of properties receive water supply by stand pipe. 2% are without piped supply.

SEWERAGE. There have been no alterations or additions to the Sewage Disposal Works, but a scheme to reconstruct this plant which is considerably overloaded, has been approved by the Ministry of Health, and it is expected that this work will proceed in the near future.

FOOD. THe U.D.C. have adopted the Ministry of Food Model Byelaws Series 1. governing the Handling, Wrapping and delivery of food etc. Periodical inspections of business premises have been made and I have been satisfied with the general Standard of cleanliness.

MEAT. There have not been any cattle or sheep slaughtered in Bungay and two carcesses of pigs slaughtered here were inspected and found satisfactory.

Meat for Bungay shops is brought into the town from the distributors depots at Lowestoft and Beccles, and is inspected before being despatched here.

ICE CREAM. There are 7 premises registered for the sale of ice cream, 2 only of which the (Heat Treatment Regulations of 1947-1948) apply. All the premises have been frequently inspected and have given no cause for complaint.

HOUSING PROGRESS.

Built by Contract for the U.D.C. 12.

Built by Private Enterprise for private sale. 2

Building Programme of U.D.C. for 1950. 26 houses and Block of 8 flats

Private Enterprise, 1950. 2 Bungalows

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